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CAPE TIMES, APRIL 11, CARRIES ARTICLE FROM WINDHOEK WHICH REPORTS THAT THE WEST HAS GIVEN SOUTH AFRICA AN "OPENING" TO ACCEPT THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN THE WESTERN PROPOSAL. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THIS SITUATION CAME TO LIGHT AFTER RECENT TALKS BETWEEN WESTERN ENVOYS AND INTERNAL POLITICAL LEADERS ON THE INTERPRETATION OF THE PLAN. WESTERN ENVOYS WERE SAID TO HAVE TOLD THE INTERNAL LEADERS THAT THE WEST WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE BEING MAINTAINED AT EIGHT STRATEGIC POINTS IN NORTHERN BORDER AREA. THIS WOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS A "NORMAL" FUNCTION OF THE POLICE,
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THE ARTICLE SAYS, AND THEREFORE THE GENERAL RESTRICTION PLACED ON THEM TO CARRY ONLY SMALL ARMS WOULD NOT APPLY. THE ARTICLE NOTES THAT THE POLICE UNITS PROTECTING THESE INSTALLATIONS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO UNITED NATIONS SURVEILLANCE AND IN ANY EVENT A UN PEACE-KEEPING FORCE WOULD ALSO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PROTECTING INSTALLATIONS, MAINTAINING SECURITY AND PREVENTING INFILTRATION. THE ARTICLE FURTHER REPORTED THAT THE WEST

HAS SUGGESTED THAT LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR THE RESIDUAL SAG
MILITARY FORCE COULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY CIVILIANS.
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